(v) 15% to Unit Non-Public Fund.

(II) *Units which have not taken loan from IAF Central Welfare Fund.*

(i) 10% to IAF Central Welfare Fund.

(ii) 10% to Command Welfare Fund.

(iii) 40% to Canteen Reserve Fund.

(iv) 40% to Unit Non -Public Fund.

(III) *When the Canteen Reserve is considered to have been built up sufficiently to cater for turn over.*

(i) 10% to IAF Central Welfare Fund.

(ii) 30% to Command Welfare Fund.

(iii) 10% of Canteen Reserve Fund.

(iv) 50% of Unit Non-Public Fund.

Profits are utilised for the welfare of Air Force personnel in the following manner:—

(a) Locally run schools

(b) Children's Parks

(c) Services of locally employed lady doctors in terms of consultancy

(d) Cultural activities

(e) Sports activities

(f) Sale of goods from CSD(I)

(g) Hobby Club Membership

(h) Snacks Counters;

(d) Board terms and conditions of service of Unit-run Canteen employees have been issued by Air HQ. However, the actual pay-scales and working conditions of these employees depend upon the work load of each canteen, and profits earned by them, and are determined by the local management of each canteen.

(e) The left over profit i.e. after spending the money on welfare activities, is utilised for repayment of loans by the respective canteens and for building up of the Canteen Reserve Fund.

Meeting between Indian and Shi Lankan Ministers

3085. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of the meetings between the Indian Minister of State for External Affairs and the Sri Lankan Ministers in the last week of January, 1988;

(b) whether the question of colonisation of the Tamil areas by the Sinhalese was taken up during the talks; and

(c) if so, what details were worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) to (c) During the visit of President Jayewardene to India in the last week of January, apart from meeting at the level of PM and President Jayewardene, meetings were also held at the ministerial level. The Indian delegation consisted of Shri K. C. Pant, Raksha Mantri; Shri K. Natwar Singh, Minister of State for

External Affairs and senior officials. The Sri Lankan delegation consisted of Mr. Gamini Dissanayake, Minister for Lands and Mahaweli Development, Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali, Minister for National Security and senior officials. These talks covered areas of mutual interest, especially questions relating to the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. The recurring complaint of colonisation was among the subjects discussed.

Discussions with Sri Lankan President

3086. SHRI T.R. BALU:

SHR V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many rounds of talks were held with the President of Sri Lanka when he visited India as a State Guest for the Republic Day Celebrations; and

(b) what subjects were taken in the discussion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Two rounds of talks were held with President Jayewardene.

(b) These talks covered areas of mutual interest, especially questions relating to the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement.

Appeal by Late Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for Ceasefire in Sri Lanka

3087. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T.R. BALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any appeal was made by the late Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri M.G. Ramachandran to the Prime Minister to declare a ceasefire for the second time in the IPKF operations in Sri Lanka for the Christmas; and

(b) whether any such appeal was also made from any other quarter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Class-I Officers in Government services

3088. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Class-I Officers serving in various Ministries of the Government of India till January 31st, 1988;

(b) the total number of such officers who have not yet been promoted alongwith the length of their service; and

(c) by when these officers will be given promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There are about 70,000 Group 'A' officers under various Departments and Ministries of the Government of India. No Centralised information relating to their placement, promotions and transfers is maintained.

Promotions are not made in terms of number of years of service alone rendered by the officers, but according to the number of vacancies available in higher grades from time to time in the respective cadres. The system of cadre reviews which has been made more regular takes into constitution the need for creating higher posts after assessing the job requirements.